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OF EMPHYSEMA USING 13-CIS

RETINOIC ACID

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 10, 2002 (Paper No. 4), Applicants hereby elect Group II, encompassing Claims 11-20, 23 and 35, which are drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising 13-cis-retinoic acid and a pharmaceutical acceptable carrier.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue Group I, encompassing Claims 1-10, 21, 22, 33 and 34; Group III, encompassing Claims 24-30; and Group IV, encompassing Claims 31 and 32, in later filed divisional applications.

No fee is believed to be due with this response. However, if it is determined that fees are due, please charge them to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order number 9080-011-999). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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